

DERBY COUNTY'S OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER PROGRAMME: 12th season

Well, I've signed... have you?

The show is on the road, now let's go places together...

BY DERBY COUNTY CHAIRMAN
MIKE WATTERSON

DERBY COUNTY'S SHOW IS BACK ON THE ROAD. Now we need YOU to help us get the wheels the caravan needs to surge forward.

In the 12 days since my appointment as Chairman was confirmed:

● **WE HAVE APPOINTED** one of Britain's few top managers to take over our playing affairs. Peter Taylor. Known to you all as one of the architects of the Rams' "Glory Days," came back from retirement last Monday saying: 'I would have come back for no-one but Derby County.'

● **PETER** is currently forging a back-room team around him that will be second to none in calibre. He told me: "If we get it right behind the scenes in the dressing room, we'll be half way to getting it right on the park." My aim has been to get it right, too, in our off-field administration.

● **WE BROUGHT BACK** yet another

architect of Rams' former successes — Stuart Webb. Acknowledged to be among the very top few administrators in the game, he will be a tower of strength in the Board Room, where harmony and unity of purpose now reigns.

● **AND THAT IS ANOTHER VITAL ASSET.**

● **STUART IS TOO,** a top marketing and promotions expert. This club needs both his talent and his personality in this most vital of sectors. Fund-raising in this day and age is the life-blood of any League club, however big. We are delighted to have "re-captured" him.

● **BUT, JUST AS IMPORTANT,** we need YOU.

Cash has been injected into the Derby County coffers, but so much was needed to keep the club solvent that perhaps not enough remains to enable Peter to make SUBSTANTIAL excursions into the transfer market.

Peter will strengthen the team, without doubt, and he has our carte blanche to do it as he wills.

But, he needs YOUR support at the turnstiles, through additional season ticket sales, and by YOUR support for our lotteries. We need a bigger cash flow, sparked initially by higher attendances at home matches, to get the club on its feet and paying its way.

THEN PETER CAN LOOK PAST THE TASK OF ENSURING DERBY COUNTY'S SURVIVAL... AND STRIKE OUT TOWARDS THE REAL REVIVAL BOTH YOU, AND WE, WANT.

Show your faith, please, a blind faith if you will.

You have been asked this before. I know. But this time, remember.

● We on the board have offered the club a life-line and a future.

● Peter Taylor and his back-room boys have laid their reputations (golden ones, too) on the line for the club. And for us.

SO I DO NOT MAKE ANY APOLOGY FOR IMPLOING YOU TO GIVE US A SHOVE UPWARDS BY KEEPING COMING TO THE BASEBALL GROUND. BRING A FRIEND OR TWO WITH YOU NEXT

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Peter Taylor takes a drink in the Boardroom after his appointment last Monday.

OUR TREBLE CHANCE WINNERS



We haven't won the pools... but we reckon we have a trio of Treble Chance winners in (left to right) new director Stuart Webb, Chairman Mike Watterson and new manager, our old friend, Peter Taylor.

Come and join us... on the new, reduced season ticket offer

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"I'VE SIGNED, HAVE YOU?"

THAT'S the question we want all Rams fans to ask their friends during the next few days, as part of the great season ticket re-launch initiated a couple of days ago.

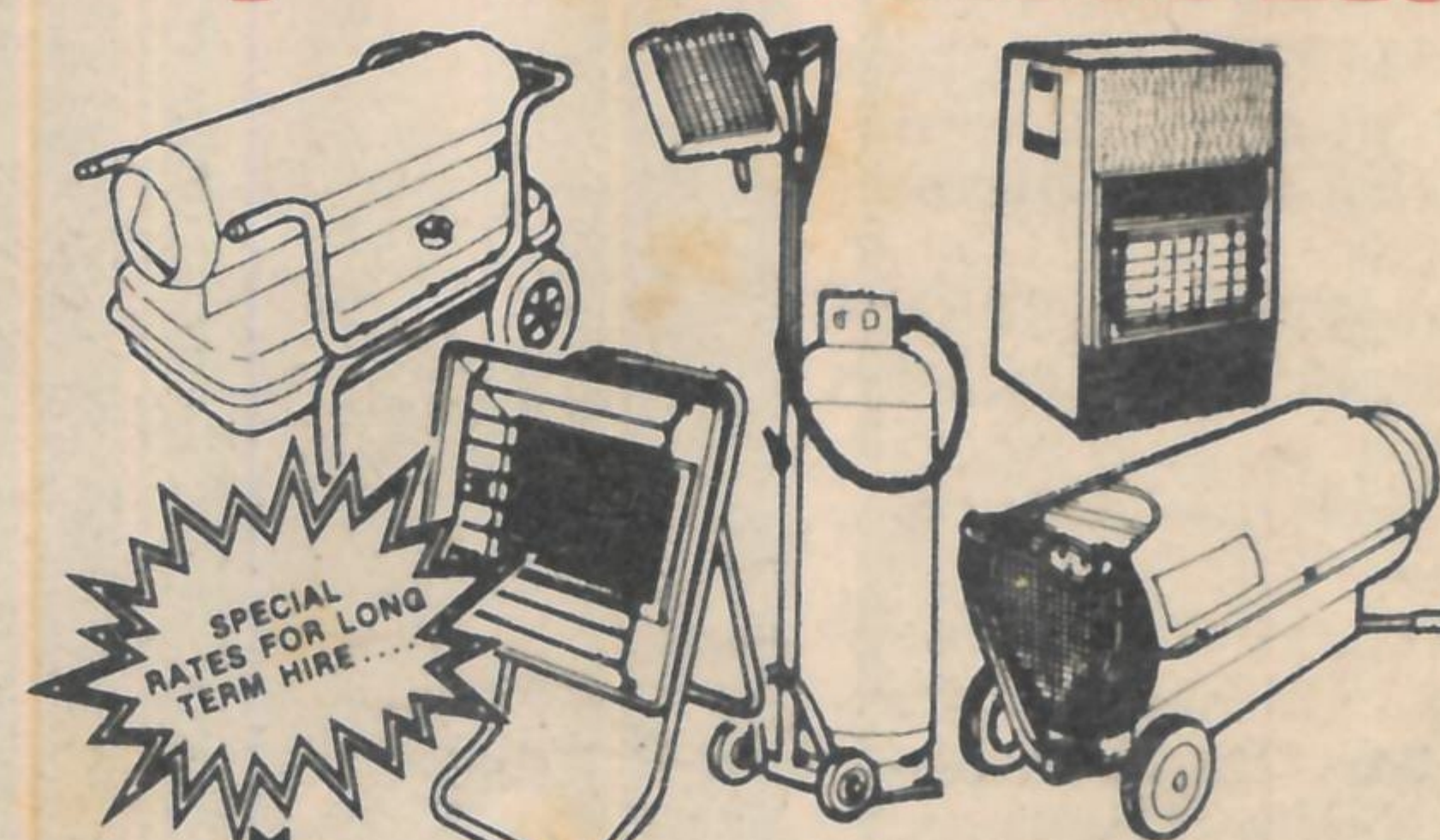
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Mike Watterson gives a 'thumbs up' to the Baseball crowd in a greeting that nearly "brought tears to my eyes," before the Leicester City game.

Envelopes that could help to put punch into Peter's purse

EVERYONE who passes through the turnstiles today will receive a special envelope... with an invitation to put into it a donation, whether it be pennies or pounds, to help put some punch into Peter's Purse for the purchase of new players.

The Board had sorted out the financial problems with the bank and elsewhere, and had some margin left to invest on the playing side. Now the club needs a steady and improving cash flow at the rate, and through our various promotions, to build the team we all want.

This envelope scheme is just a start. The club is now in a position to guarantee that every penny donated will be given over strictly to a Help - Buy - a - Player appeal to build the new team. It will be used for nothing else.

Stewards will come around with collection boxes today, and boxes will also be sited outside the ground for your use after the match.

Donations will also be gladly received at the Baseball Ground offices, or at DCFC Promotions on Osmaston Road. If you wish to send a contribution by cheque, or postal order, please make it out to: Derby County Football Club "Player Appeal a/c."

A special account for this exclusive purpose has been opened with the Nat. West Bank.

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● See "Come and Join Us," column five this page.

This is the measure of the task ahead...

AS THE NEW REGIME BURSTS into action at the Baseball Ground, the long-suffering supporters of Derby County must show their patience and support once more, as necessary changes are made to halt the slide and set the Rams back on an upward path.

Since 1976, when the Rams were in line for a Cup and League double the changes both on and off the field have been phenomenal. They have contributed to the lack of stability at Derby.

The resignation of Bill Stevenson meant that, in the space of a year, all seven members of the board as it was then have resigned.

Arthur Atkins, on the board since 1977, went in October 1981, and he was subsequently followed by Rex Stone in February 1982, Tim Brooke-Taylor in March, Bob Mulholland in July, Richard Moore later the same month and Eddie Strachan in October.

Brian Holmes, who replaced Mr. Stone last March resigned with Mr.

Stevenson, thus leaving John Kirkland who joined the board in October 1981, and Freddie Fern as the sole survivors.

Mick McGarry who came on in November a year ago has gone too.

New chairman Mike Watterson has now been joined by former company secretary Stuart Webb, to bring the complement of the board to four with the possibility of further additions in the near future.

Stability now seems the watch word.

On the management side, Dave MacKay was boss in those days of 1976. Since his departure, almost six years ago, four managers have been appointed, Colin Murphy, Tommy Docherty, Colin Addison and John Newman.

Docherty rang the changes, but replaced the class players he had inherited, with inferior players. So he hastened Derby's decline.

He left for Queens Park Rangers before Derby County could sack him, but the team was so poor that Addison could not prevent relegation in his first season as manager.

The highlight of that 1979-80 season was the 4-1 home drubbing of European Champions Nottingham Forest, a victory which should have seen Derby move on an upward trend.

But the next 11 games brought a mere three points, and placed the Rams into a position from which they have never yet recovered.

Despite being on the fringe of the promotion race in 1980-81, the Rams could not sustain a challenge and finished sixth.

Last season Addison departed, after the Rams had gleaned just 25 points from 20 games.

John Newman made changes, and made some judicious signings too, for very little outlay, to help the Rams stave off a further threat of relegation.

But his record of 23 points from the remaining 22 games proved even worse than that of Addison.

This season Newman was let down by the player he brought to the club, to the effect that after last Saturday's match at Sheffield, Derby had gained only one victory in 13 League games. That victory was gained by virtue of a dubious penalty decision in the game against Chelsea. It was inevitable that changes had to be made.

So the Rams were firmly entrenched at the foot of the Second Division and it is

Baseball Background Scene set by Mike Wilson

perhaps not had the pedigree and character to keep Derby at the top.

I wrote at the time of Addison's dismissal, that his record cost him his job. I am sorry to say that the same goes for John Newman. Despite loyalty and undoubted dedication to duty, he failed to get the right response from the players, who, in the process have done nothing for themselves or him.

The pitiful record of eight points out of a possible 26 deserves nothing but bottom

points against Chelsea.

Despite that, the midfield has been neither creative nor destructive, thereby putting greater pressure on the defence behind them and the strikers in front.

After six pre-season games without conceding a goal, the Rams have one blank sheet to show for their efforts in the 13 League games completed to date. And 24 goals have been conceded, nearly two per game. At the other end three blank sheets mean the team isn't averaging

Statistics show that changes were simply inevitable

going to be a very hard job to get them on to a reverse trend.

Class is what made Derby great under Brian and Peter and Dave.

There was an abundance of class throughout the teams, which was rewarded with two League Championships, a European Cup semi-final, and an F.A. Cup semi-final.

Even when the chips were down in 1976-77, and the Rams were bottom of the table in March 1977, the players had the class, integrity and pride to buckle down and lever the Rams out of the relegation area.

Since then there have been big question marks against the Board, Management and Players who have

placing.

That record proves the team is weak in all areas. Only ten goals have been scored and just four have come from the strike force.

David Swindlehurst and Kevin Wilson have only recently scored their first League goals of the season. The other two came from the wayward Frank Gamble, who has walked out on the club.

Leading scorer is Mick Brolly who plays in another problem area, midfield. He has scored three League goals.

Fellow midfielder Ian Dalziel has scored twice, the other goal being the Steve Buckley penalty which earned those priceless three

even a goal a game.

Their failure to score at Hillsborough last Saturday was their first in an away League fixture this season, but that is really only incidental.

New chairman Mike Watterson obviously wants class football back at the Baseball Ground. We all do.

He has made the popular move with the recall of Peter Taylor. But don't expect miracles.

I've itemised how badly things have deteriorated. Peter has a tremendous job ahead, just to right the ship. Changes were inevitable ... now help the manager do the job. You all know he CAN do it. He's done it here before.

They'll be happy back in Finland about Peter said JARI



JARI meets club Skipper Steve Powell.

A WELCOME visitor to the Baseball Ground recently was Rams supporter Jari Niemi from Finland. He was given a conducted tour of the ground and he met club captain Steve Powell and groundsman Bob Smith.

"They'll be on the way back to the top soon now that Peter Taylor is back," he said.

Spending a two-weeks holiday based in London, Jari watched the game at Wolverhampton but will be unable to see a home match during his stay. He has supported Rams for 12 years and says: "Derby County are very popular in Finland."

"People there will be thrilled at Peter Taylor's return. There will be an upsurge of interest."

He took plenty of pictures during his visit and bought all this season's Ram issues, then proceeded to buy out the Ramtique of souvenirs!

*An application from Jari for Supporters Club membership has been received by Headquarters and International Branch.



CHAIRMAN: FROM FRONT

SATURDAY. MAYBE PEOPLE WHO HAVE STOPPED COMING. SHOW THEM WHAT IS HAPPENING HERE ... LET THEM SEE THE SHOW IS BACK ON THE ROAD.

We need you, you and you, to help us put some wheels on our Derby County Caravan so that we can move forward FAST.

Thank you for being here today. See you next Saturday, for the Oldham Athletic match.

ONLY TWICE in their long history in 1920 and 1962, have Rams failed to win more than one of their first 13 League games, so the ending of manager John Newman's contract last Sunday came as no real surprise.

He had been let down by the inability of the players he brought to the club, who averted the fear of relegation last season, to capture anything like their real form this time around.

So he became the fifth Rams manager in six years to come to the parting of the ways joining Dave Mackay, Colin Murphy, Tommy Docherty and Colin Addison, with whom he came as assistant in the 1979 summer. When Addison went last January, John continued as caretaker until he was confirmed manager last March.

FORMER CHAIRMAN Bill Stevenson resigned from the Board a fortnight ago to "facilitate the take-over," as did fellow director Brian Holmes. Both made the assurances in statements that they would continue their support for the club in every practical way.



John Newman

STEWARDS AT WOLVES



We're well served by our stewards at the Baseball Ground. So six of them were the club's guests at Wolves a fortnight ago. Here they are on the terraces, back (left to right): Peter Probert, Ian Hernden, Chief Inspector Ken Snell, Bob Mordecai. Front: Same Orme, Brian Jenkinson, Fred Orme.

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Rams News and Views Desk reviews an action-packed week

CHAIRMAN'S MOVE NUMBER ONE: STUART WEBB RETURNS, THIS TIME AS A DIRECTOR

THE FIRST CONCRETE SIGN that new chairman Mike Watterson intends to bring in top men to run the new Derby County came within hours of the confirmation of his position last week. He invited back the off-field architect of the club's successful seventies, former general secretary Stuart Webb, and installed him into the board room as a director.

The wheel has turned full circle for Mr. Webb in just 39 months. In August 1979, after the police had been brought into the Baseball Ground to investigate alleged discrepancies, he resigned. "It was a particularly difficult time and I felt I could not work with that board, when some of them had brought in the police behind the back of the then Chairman George Hardy," he said last week.

Linking with his old friend and mentor, Sir Fred Pontin, the doyen of Britain's holidays industry, he quickly expanded into one of the leading entrepreneurs in the business. Branches opened in Ashby and Ashbourne, and a Lonsdale London office is contemplated in 1983 as Sir Fred has quietly relinquished the reins to his accomplished protégé.

The football world quickly acknowledged Mr. Webb's expertise.

UEFA appointed his company as their official travel agents and last December he took Liverpool half way across the world to Tokyo for the Toyota World Club Championship Cup. Next month Lonsdale organise Villa's five-day trip to the same venue. He took Forest into Europe several times, including their



that he first showed his marketing expertise with the establishment of the Junior Rams, the first club of its type in the game. Many of today's stalwart hard-core fans started their allegiance in the Junior Rams. Then he re-shaped the Supporters Club scene, another source of today's diehards, as all around them have faltered, and Derby County Promotions which financed so many Rams expansions in the halcyon days.

Of present-day Promotions income, he says: "The last few years has caused a loss of commercial confidence in Derby County, and my first

this is mainly due to fast dropping attendances and lack of confidence from advertisers. Perhaps the antenna which Mr. Webb has so often shown in all his business dealings will point another way forward. Who knows?

What we do know is that if the Football League had followed his warnings ten years ago about the need for advertising on club shirts, and a stricter control of television, not only Derby County but the whole of football would not be in today's parlous financial state.

Remember he masterminded the deal through which the Swedish motor giant Saab were prepared to pay Rams a quarter of a million pounds sterling if they could use their names on the club shirts, especially when Derby County were on television as they were those days most weeks. A thumbs-down from the league led to no pressure on TV, who today are in the driving seat.

Now Stuart Webb is back to devote drive and devotion to his favourite club, and a unique expertise to Derby County, as the result of a popular move by the new Chairman.

"I'm glad to be back at the Baseball Ground," said Stuart Webb last week. It's a sentiment supporters echo.

The wheel of Fortune turns full circle ... in only 39 months!

European Cup winning-expedition and recently Lonsdale organised Manchester United's UEFA Cup sorti to Valencia in Spain.

He told *Ram*: "It could be said I had left football under an enforced cloud, but my friends in the game never forsook me and when my name was cleared things became better than ever."

His touch led him to the Derbyshire County Cricket Club where his firm sponsored the Lonsdale Man of the Match awards in conjunction with the *Derby Evening Telegraph*. He expanded into other sports, arranging a three-week cruise for a tired world snooker champion which Steve Davis described in the *Sunday Times Magazine* as "fabulous." Now on the committee at Derbyshire CCC he has started what he describes as "certain operations" there, including setting up the club's benefit season in 1983.

He says: "I would like to see it through for at least a year, but that will depend on how other committee members feel about my involvement with Derby County."

Of Derby County he says: "The club must be given back to the fans. Since 1979 I have also been involved with the game as a commercial consultant and I feel strongly that it needs a distinct injection of the old family atmosphere which we fostered at the

Baseball Ground ten or more years ago. Support has always been there for this club when it is on the right lines, but first of all we need a period of stability, especially at Board level.

"When the fans see that is established, and that the base is right, they'll come back. This is a football city and people are hungry for a successful club. Show them signs, and they will answer the call."

It will be remembered

priority is to inject marketing and promotional know-how to restore that."

Nor should it be forgotten that Stuart Webb was the architect in the far-reaching decision to switch from a conventional programme to the *Ram* newspaper in August 1971, against a lot of traditional opposition. It was a sensational success, which many clubs tried unsuccessfully to copy, and if it has backslid in the past 18 months

CHAIRMAN'S MOVE NUMBER TWO: PETER COMES BACK TO TAKE THE REINS

MY FIRST PRIORITY IS TO GET 11 TRIERS ON TO THE PITCH: CLASS WILL FOLLOW FROM THAT

AS PRAGMATIC as he always was at the Baseball Ground during his previous reign in the Glory Days a decade ago, Peter Taylor made a confession at last Monday's Press Conference when his appointment was announced.

He said: "I have a two-year contract. That should be long enough to find out on both sides whether my appointment was the right one for Derby County."

He gave the confident impression he knew exactly where he was going. "I have carte blanche on all matters concerning the team and my staff. I wouldn't have come if I hadn't had that."



Roy McFarland

"What did he give us and Derby County? Total loyalty, effort, dedication, pure talent, complete professionalism. I'll go further. He has given Derby County pure love." — Brian Clough in Roy McFarland's testimonial brochure.

the League this morning.

"I will sort that out because my first priority is to have 11 triers on the pitch. That gets priority over skill at the moment. We can build up the skill next, but we need 100 per cent plus triers right now, to pull this club up by its bootlaces."

Mr. Taylor stressed again and again that to start the upward spiral he had first to get the right men round him in his managerial team. "It's the only way you can get to win things," he insisted.

"If I make the right decisions now we'll be on the long road to winning things again."

When he and Brian Clough arrived at Derby in 1967 they were sixth from the bottom of Division Two. "It took a few months to get things going. You don't do it overnight. We got our base right then, as we always have done. I intend to do just that here and now."

When he announced Mr. Taylor's appointment Chairman Mike Watterson said: "... he is the man with a proven record to get us back to the top again, as he did once before." Said Peter.

"Only time will prove or disprove that. I can assure every Derby County fan though that predictions apart, we will improve both the class and the fighting spirit of the team."

PRAGMATIC PETER, INDEED...

Why he came ...

THIS IS Peter Taylor's own version of how he came to be appointed manager of Derby County.

"I was sitting at home enjoying my retirement from the game when I had a phone call from Stuart Webb, asking me if I would see Mike Watterson about returning to Derby."

"Anybody else but Stuart and I would have refused. But when I heard he was going back to the club himself I was interested. He is a leading football administrator. Quite a few people have tried to lure him back into the game in the last three years. I was one of them."

"The fact that he was joining the new set-up here convinced me that things must be buzzing, so I agreed to meet him and the chairman and they came to my home. You know the rest."

"Football is all about passion, you see. The Derby job kept me awake at nights, whereas none of the other offers made to me did. This is the only club I would have given up my happy retirement for."

"The chairman and Stuart were vital keys in that decision."

Let there be no doubt that football is all about decisions, some of them unpopular among those who are hurt. But in the long term they mostly come to realise it's for the best for all concerned, including they themselves.

A glance back at a Top Career

PETER TAYLOR came to the Baseball Ground first as assistant to Brian Clough in 1967, although they were always regarded as a managerial partnership throughout their long reign together.

At the Baseball Ground they won the Second Division Championship in 1969, the Texaco Cup, the Central League Championship and the League Championship in 1972, before taking the club to the European Cup semi-finals a year later.

Whether they were denied a place in the final by subterfuge has long been the subject of press speculation ... ever since the referee who handled the first leg in Turin, which Juventus won 3-1, was later suspended sine die by UEFA.

His friendliness with the Italian team's German Haller led to angry reactions from BC and



PT, though the booking of Roy Mac and Archie Gemmill, which led to their non-appearance in the 0-0 draw here in the second leg were as vital blows as Alan Hinton's missed penalty.

Resigning from the Derby job in October '73 the pair had a brief spell together at Brighton, before Cloughie moved on to his quick dalliance at Leeds, then took over at Forest.

Peter stayed on the South Coast and narrowly missed promotion for them from Division Three, called it failure and rejoined his old pal at Forest. "If that's failure," said Brighton chairman Mike Bamber at the time, "I want more of it."

It was mainly the

Taylor creation which Alan Mullery took over, to guide Brighton all the way into Division One.

Meanwhile the old Derby partnership took Forest from the Second into Division One from its resumption in 1976, and they went on to win the League Championship, two European Cups and two League Cups.

It's a record which speaks for itself. Now one of the two architects of it all is back at the Baseball Ground, with no promises. But an awful lot of know-how.

What he wants most is for Rams fans present and past to rally round him from the Off. "That's the surest way to help us back on the rails," he says. "We'll then do the rest."

PETER'S MOVE NUMBER ONE: EX RAMS STAR ROY MAC TO RETURN AS OUR TEAM BOSS? TURN TO PAGE SEVEN FOR FULL DETAILS

PROTECTION RACKET?

WHILE WE HAVE great admiration for the custodian between the sticks, putting hands and head into the tackle first where others put their boots, we cannot help but feel they get altogether too much protection these days while they are on their feet.

So much, in fact, that many 'keepers appear to abuse the privilege.

Gone are the days when an 'old fashioned' shoulder charge from an enthusiastic centre-forward (striker, for young readers) could put the 'keeper and the ball into the net. Providing, of course, that both his feet were on the pitch at the time. And rightly so.

No keeper should have to bob and weave like a demented pugilist whenever he goes for the ball, just trying to get it away from danger.

But goalkeepers today know that nine times out of ten, if they catch the ball in the area and drop it, they will get a free kick

BASEBALL GROUND AND AROUND

by Harry Brown and John Grainger



for pushing. They know that if any referee's decision is of the 50-50 variety, they are going to get the thumbs-up.

Our picture shows Leicester's goalkeeper Mark Wallington going out and up to collect the ball during our last home match.

Because he faces opposition in the shape of Dave Swindlehurst, Mark's left foot has automatically gone out first. There is evidence in the picture that he could not collect the ball cleanly as Dave heads the ball goalwards.

This practice, widely used by all keepers, let's face it, ought to constitute dangerous play.

If an outfield player tackled his man with his boot at this height he would be automatically punished.

We're not having a special dig at Mark Wallington. All keepers use the ploy, and get away with a privilege not extended to their outfield colleagues.

It's a "Protection Racket" in fact.

FOOTNOTE: Dave Swindlehurst was the one penalised in this incident. For pushing!

UNJUSTIFIED REACTION

EVERYBODY EMPLOYED by Derby County, either in full time or part time capacities is aware that further financial cutbacks are vital if the team is to be strengthened.

So it has not been an easy time within the Baseball Ground during recent weeks. It is acknowledged that new brooms must sweep clean for the good of the whole.

But a great disservice was done to all of us last week by the outburst of Rams emigree, 21 year old reserve player Frank Gamble.

Quitting the club, and football, to go home to his wife and child on Merseyside, he said "Everyone at Derby County is afraid. It is a club full of

Derby skipper Steve Powell, the club's longest serving player, commented: "Anyone who lacks the heart to fight for Derby County should leave. Good riddance, I say!"

fear. There are some very unhappy people."

Silly boy! Hundreds of Derby County supporters, whose jobs have gone as their firms have crashed or been taken over, will find no sympathy at all with any of this. Britain '82 is a country of the survival-of-the-fittest syndrome. And it begins to look somewhat healthier for it.

Derby County are in need of the same medicine.

You might like to remember that the first casualty of the takeover was "gentleman" John Newman.

Still employed here at the time of the Gamble outburst, his reaction was: "Remarks about frightened men are plain daft. The boy is hardly

qualified to comment on the general state of football, he's only been in the game two minutes."

But it was the remarks about the 'fear' at the club that hurt most. No-one is light of heart when jobs and careers are at stake.

Only the foolhardy show no nervous reactions to difficult situations. Most control their nerve-ends and battle on professionally to the end.

If everyone ran away from their responsibilities there would be no club left, just as there would be none if all our supporters bolted because times are tough and results haven't come.

To get them, change is inevitable.

The new controlling interests have put hard cash into the club to back their beliefs that Derby County are big enough to climb back to the top. EVENTUALLY.

Everyone at Derby is afraid. There are some very unhappy people.

LYNDA LEE-POTTER made this penetrating observation on the Frank Gamble affair in her *Daily Mail* column on Wednesday.

Work's not just for kicks

FRANK GAMBLE is the 21-year-old brilliant natural footballer who was spotted when he was a jobless amateur and given a highly-paid job with Second Division Derby.

It sounds like every young man's fantasy, the sporting equivalent of the movie tycoon rhapsody, "I can make you a star baby." But is young Frank grateful? Is he counting his loot, buying his wife a fox fur, saving for a holiday bungalow in Blackpool and planning a weekend in Torremolinos?

No, he is not. He's back with his in-laws, jobless, homeless and on the dole, saying the daily grind took all the fun out of the game, and during training somebody shouted at him.

Giggle

Well, I only hope his wife is shouting at him now, as well as hanging his cricket bat against his mother-in-law's front door. I hope she points out that going out to work is rarely fun, that it's not a giggle a minute at a factory bench or teaching 24 adolescents and I am not currently in hysterics pounding my typewriter.

Most of us work when we're lucky enough to have the chance because we think we should be self-supporting.

And we put that self-discipline above the indulgence of being able to spend a state-subsidised day laughing our heads off.

Secretary's Soccer Scene

by Michael Dunford

Permit holders only BOARD ACTS QUICKLY IN FAMILY SEATING AREA

INFILTRATION OF THE RAMS FAMILY SEATING AREA at the Ossie End which led to bad language, scuffles and problems from young gate crashers at our last home match, should be brought to an end by a firm decision of the Board.

They have decided that, in future, everybody who wants to use the seats in this area which has been specifically and deliberately designed for parent(s) and children, must register at the Ticket Office with the Rams Family Seating Area Club.

Registration is free. It brings with it an official permit card without which no-one will be allowed to purchase tickets, either at the office in the days before any particular match, or at the Family Seating area turnstile on the day of the game.

Right, so it might be a bit of a nuisance for you to come to the ground to register yourself and your family. But if, in the long term, it means no more harassment from unruly youngsters then isn't it worth a little inconvenience? After the Leicester game I met several genuine family groups who had been embarrassed by the language and by the aggressive actions of young people who had no right to be there. Why were they there? they all asked me.

Most of them, we suspect, had bought tickets during the preceding week. If a person, apparently of nice manner and demeanor, approaches the office and purchases tickets allegedly for his family... who are we to dispute the fact? If it was YOU whom we challenged you would be most upset.

Unhappily, some of these tickets were undoubtedly not intended for family consumption. Nor were some of those bought on the turnstile by apparently "inno-

cent cherubs", out of whose mouths butter appeared to pour as some of our turnstile operators reported.

There is no other way to control entry to the area than by means of a registered club, with an issued permit which will be stamped on entry, and which will be cancelled if it is found to be held by anyone who is found to be using bad language or who causes any sort of disturbance during a game.

The permit is non-transferable so if a holder tries to do a favour for a friend who lets both him and us down, it will be revoked.

The area is designated for family groups only, and anyone found to have sidestepped this instruction must expect to be barred from entrance thereafter.

The only exceptions to Family entry are registered members of the Junior Rams Club, who will still have to register for admission, and registered students or sixth formers still at school over the age of 16.

It should also be clearly understood that no adults will be admitted to the area, even if in possession of permits, unless they are accompanied by children.

It is the only way we can tackle the menace to our Family Viewing sanctuary. This club places high store on the revival of football support by families as a way to restore sanity to the game, which has too long been marred as a family entertainment by the hooligan minority.

From time to time we shall issue News Letters for youngsters in both the Ley Stand and Ossie End Fam-

ily Areas to keep them informed of what is going on just for them within the Baseball Ground family.

Meanwhile we would urge all young people not only in these areas, but all over the ground, to remember and practice these four codes of Derby County Supporters Practice:

1. Support the Rams whenever and wherever you can.

2. Remember that your good behaviour is something your club, your fellow citizens of Derbyshire and you, can be proud of.

3. Cheer and chant for Rams as often and as loudly as you can. But do so without swearing, please. Remember that people who swear often do so because other words escape them.

4. Your example in the Family Viewing Areas can help us in our avowed aim to make this a Family Ground of a Family Club. People who do not put the interest of their families first tend to put everything else but themselves a poor last. They cannot be real supporters of a league club. Certainly not ours, and we do not want them.

TAKE A PRIDE IN YOURSELF, YOUR CLUB, YOUR CITY AND YOUR COUNTY. BE SUPPORTERS WE CAN ALL BE PROUD OF... BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE FAMILY VIEWING AREAS.



Junior Rams Soccer

October 24th

U-13 League

Headquarters 2, S.E.D. 5; Ripley 0, Belper 5; Heanor 1, Ilkeston 3; Castle Donington 0, Ashbourne 4.

League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Belper	4	4	0	0	34	2	8
Ashbourne	4	3	0	1	40	4	7
Ripley	4	3	0	1	40	8	6
Ilkeston	4	2	0	2	18	12	4
Heanor	4	1	1	2	12	11	3
C.D'ngton	4	1	0	3	3	37	2
S.E. Derbys	4	1	0	3	5	49	2
H'quarters	4	0	0	4	4	27	0

U-15 League

Heanor 0, Ashbourne 3; Ripley 2, S.E.D. 0; Headquarters 1, Belper 5.

League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ashbourne	3	3	0	0	14	4	6
Ilkeston	3	3	0	0	12	5	6
Ripley	3	2	0	1	4	3	4
Belper	4	2	0	2	13	19	4
Heanor	3	1	0	2	7	4	2
S.E.D.	4	1	0	3	7	14	2
H'dquarters	4	0	0	4	3	19	0

Prog. fair

Here's a reminder for serious and casual collectors of football programmes that there will be progs aplenty in the Baseball Ground Sportsman's Club from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. tomorrow.

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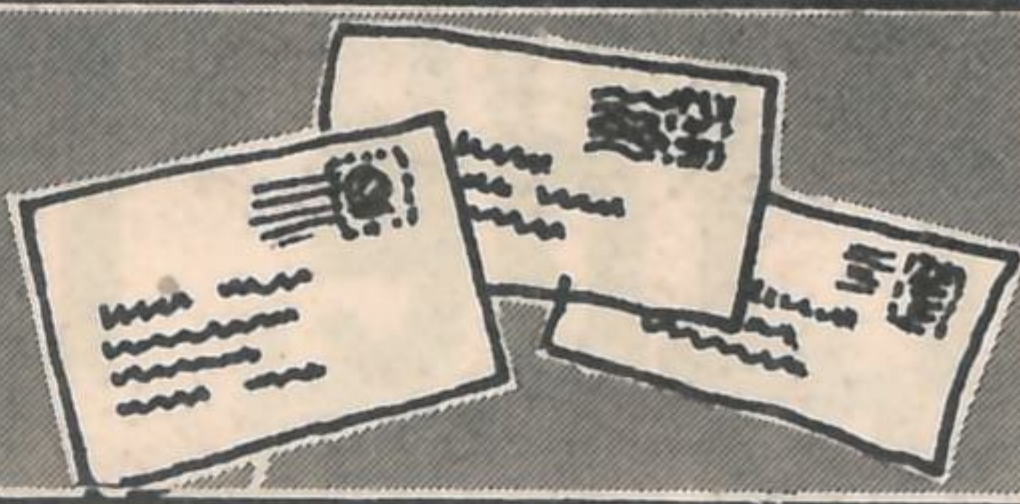
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Fan Mail



THIS PENALTY RASH: WHAT GOES ON?



The penalty that got away from Rams at Hillsborough last Saturday. See Gerald Mortimer's Evening Telegraph verdict among the Press comment below.

AS A DERBY COUNTY SUPPORTER avowed and credited, I may be accused of being biased. As it happens, I'm not. Despite being a declared partisan I always try to see things on the field with an unjaundiced eye, and I write my first-ever letter in 30 years of watching the game to ask: what is going on with referees?

Rams have been hit hard by the award of three penalties to the opposition in the last three games, all away from home and all lost.

Each, those against the top two in the Second Division and the last last Tuesday in the Milk Cup at First Division Birmingham, all seemed to be harsh from where I sat, and from where most press observers sat, too. I felt each of them would not have been awarded had Rams been playing at the Baseball Ground.

The League, by their cast-iron edict on this and that, and especially with their strict rule on the professional foul, seem to be taking the individuality out of their referees. On Tuesday's evidence that penalty award for Birmingham now seems to have outlawed the sliding tackle which takes the ball clean, but leaves the attacker falling over a man's legs.

True, a team in trouble does put more beef into its challenges than a side flowing freely. True, the lads have been going in hard, but mostly fair. Is it a case of being penalised for being bottom? It looks that way.

The ITV film of the penalty at Wolves more than certainly suggested Rams were harshly treated there, at least. Please withhold my

name and address as I am a businessman who does not want to be involved in any controversy but who, nevertheless, feels strong enough to write my first letter ever to a publication. Some things need to be done.

"B Stand Centre/Regular traveller away" (name/address withheld on request).

● We can make no comment on the above observations in an official club publication. But we can reproduce some Press comments on the last three games.

v Wolves, October 30.

Gerald Mortimer, Derby Evening Telegraph: "Television supported the view that the handling was not intentional and not, therefore, a foul. But the penalty was given."

Sunday People: "Lucky Wolves, lucky penalty. Bad luck to the Derby fighters."

Derek Dougan, Wolves Chairman to Harry Brown: "If it had been given against us I would have been somewhat aggrieved, to say the least."

v Sheffield Wednesday, November 6:

Gerald Mortimer, Derby Evening Telegraph: "Derby might have had a penalty early in the second half. Brolly's shot was half block-

ed and, as the ball ran loose, Hill appeared to be pulled down in the crowd of players. Instead, the penalty came at the other end. Megson darted in and Powell pushed the ball away from him. As Megson kept going, he went down over Powell's leg, but I felt the initial challenge was fair."

John Trevor in the Sunday People: "The ref gave a penalty when . . . Powell's challenge was met by what looked suspiciously like a Megson dive."

Eric Butler, The Sun: "It took a lucky penalty to put Wednesday ahead, and their second goal came from a suicidal Derby pass. Said Wednesday manager Jack Charlton: 'I don't know if the penalty was justified or not, but we needed it in a finely balanced game'."

v Birmingham last Tuesday:

Ray Matts in the Daily Mail: "Bram went into the lead after a dubious penalty had been given against Derby."

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COMMERCIAL COMMENT BY STUART CROOKS

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We were a bit downhearted, but . . .



A proud moment for Leicester City match sponsors Nabisco/East Midlands Co-op. Picture shows (left to right) David Pinion, East Midlands Co-operative Society accountant, Mark Parsisson with his father Bill Parsisson (Co-operatives Northern Sales Manager) receiving a commemorative pennant from Rams' skipper Steve Buckley. Watching is yours truly. In the foreground is Mascot of the day Sarah Austin from Utttoxeter.



Derby County's George Foster receiving the Man of the Match Award from Nabisco's Bill Parsisson. Looking on from left to right, yours truly, Steve Powell, David Swindlehurst and David Pinion.

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THE D.I.P.T. Tools and Fixing Centres of Siddals Road, Derby, entertained children from Dr. Barnardo's Home at Morley Manor in their Baseball Ground executive box at a recent game.

They have received the following letter from Mr. E. Rasey, Superintendent at Morley Manor:

"I am writing on behalf of all of us who were at the Baseball Ground to thank you most sincerely for your hospitality. You went to so much trouble on our behalf, RAMS FOR SALE

I HAVE for sale every edition of the Ram in mint condition, enclosed in the official Ram binders, from Volume 1 up to the Leicester match on October 23, 1982. I also have over 200 Derby away programmes, some pre-1960, but mainly 1968 to 1981, including Real Madrid and Juventus. I also have four seasons of Derby programmes (pre-Ram days) 1967 to 1970.

If anyone is interested to buy any of the above lots could they please telephone me on 0773-835559.

Andrew Mitchell, 5 Birches Avenue, South Wingfield, Derbys.

and treated us with such warmth and kindness (as did the staff and everyone we met at the ground) that the whole experience was most pleasurable for us all. Something which we shall long remember.

"You will have seen how much the children enjoyed everything and I can only say how very grateful we are to you for giving us this really marvellous afternoon."

● A wonderful gesture, wonderfully received.

Chairman's thanks

The many letters to chairman Mike Watter-son congratulating him on recent events have been passed on to swell the number to more than 500. "I will try to reply to each, but it's a tremendous task for one so busy. For the present, let me thank everyone very sincerely," he says.

Telegraph's finger on the button?

DERBY EVENING TELEGRAPH, Wednesday, November 10, 1982

Powell and McAlle sent off as Rams crash out but there

Stand by for action



Food for thought in the dug-out as Gordon Guthrie, Peter Taylor and Richie Norman watch anxiously.

BIRMINGHAM CITY 3, DERBY COUNTY 1: By Gerald Mortimer

STEVE POWELL and John McAlle were sent off as Derby County's unconvincing Milk Cup run came to an end against Birmingham City at St Andrew's last night.

With Birmingham bottom of the First Division and the Rams at the foot of the Second, the match was as devoid of skill as could have been expected.

It was, I suspect, totally irrelevant to the final destination of the trophy but it was another evening for an impressively large number

Expect a hurried clearout now Taylor really knows the size of task he faces

The Derby Evening Telegraph's speculation in last Wednesday's edition.

Ram opinion

A CERTAINTY FROM THE START OF PETER TAYLOR'S REGIME AT THE BASEBALL GROUND LAST MONDAY WAS THERE WOULD BE BACKROOM AND PLAYING STAFF CHANGES. THE INEVITABILITY WAS SURELY HASTENED BY TUESDAY'S MILK CUP EXIT AT ST. ANDREW'S.

The *Derby Evening Telegraph* verdict (reproduced above) probably has its finger right on the trigger. None of us knows, because the manager is hardly going to take us into his confidence at this stage. Too much is at stake for that.

Those players with question marks against them might have a chance today to tilt an initial verdict back their way ... some may not. In any case, that decision is not ours to make as Derby County supporters. But there IS one that only WE each of us individually, can make,

ARE WE PREPARED TO BACK PETER TAYLOR TO THE HILT? In the context of that one the exact extra numbers who come out to do that today, next Saturday, and in the following weeks, will provide the answer to the 64,000 dollar question: Can Peter & Co. stop the rot?

He needs bigger

gates to improve the cashflow, to enable him to go for better players. The front page makes that clear.

The final answer will surely be supplied by the many thousands who have stopped coming since Brian Clough and Peter Taylor resigned from the Derby County management in October 1973, while the club was still a name to be feared in the game.

Many quit full stop, there and then. Every year since more and more have drifted away. The slide downwards since Dave Mackay was sacked in September 1976 has decreased the paying population to a mere 8/9,000.

Most give the reason as: "I'm not coming back until B.C. and P.T. come back too."

Well, half of the duo IS back. And a mighty important, virile half too! Will half, at least, of those who have left us be enticed back during the next few

NOW IT'S UP TO ALL PETER'S MYRIAD ADMIRERS TO REWARD HIS FAITH IN THE RAMS AND RETURN TO BE COUNTED AT THE BASEBALL GROUND

weeks? If the slide is checked, be sure many will.

...

But few of the BC/PT supporters through the years should be absent a minute longer. They should surely now keep faith with a Chairman, and particularly a manager who have kept faith with them!

When he arrived last Monday, Peter Taylor said of Derby County's fans: "Never mind Anfield and Old Trafford. Ours may not be so numerous, but I have never stopped arguing that Derby's are the best in the country. They've proved that in the last couple of seasons ... I am delighted to be back home among them."

The fans who remained thick and thin overjoyed at what happened this. They will wait patiently for Peter Taylor to assess the whole situation around him before they will hope for those awaited playing sults. But what others?

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What Peter now is for hundreds of his long-time admirers to come out and help him to the determination of faith he has shown by his return. Chairman who masterminded surely deserves that, too. WITHOUT T BOTH, DERBY CO MIGHT HAVE B SUNK WITH TRACE BY TODAY



David Swindlehurst lightens the gloom with a flashing headed goal at Birmingham on Tuesday in this *Derby Evening Telegraph* photo.

... ACTION REPLAY ... ACTION REPLAY ... ACTION REPLAY ... ACTION REPLAY ...

Five defeats in a row toughen the task ahead, but there have been a few shafts of light

A 4-2 EXTRA TIME defeat at Fourth Division Hartlepool on the Monday after our last issue three week-ends ago, sent a shudder through every Rams fan.

So disorganised, so knocked out of their stride were they by a team composed of several part-timers, that the writing was clearly on the wall that night.

That score was enough for the club to hang on to its Milk Cup teeth until last Tuesday's exit but, follow-

ing the 4-nil home thrashing by a competent Leicester side which didn't really look promotion material, the future looked black. It was the most inept home performance, from more than a few in the past three seasons, which had even the valiant faithful tearing out their hair.

Yet the team went to high-



Mike Brolly cracks the ball between two Wednesday players to force a fine save out of Bolder at Sheffield last Saturday.

flying Wolves the following Saturday and were unlucky not to get a share of the points at least.

An unsatisfactory penalty separated the sides at the end of a desultory game, in which perhaps only Wolves' superior midfield, could be advanced for making them worthy of their tedious win.

They didn't have to excel too much, and they didn't.

Yet Wolves are second in the Second Division chart this morning, to emphasise this really isn't too good a

Division and, given certain reinforcements, there is a basic team nucleus here to work on if a pattern can be established. We haven't seen much of one up to now.

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Even without much pattern, Rams fought like tigers and constrained and contained League leaders Sheffield Wednesday, into long periods of frustration at Hillsborough last Saturday. On Jacky Charlton's say-so only another dubious

penalty tipped the balance.

Once again Rams proved that the margin between top and them at rock bottom is not so great it cannot be breached.

Finishing with nine men at Birmingham on Tuesday, Rams again proved both that this margin isn't so great ... and that they need reinforcements in vital positions.

Saddest blow of all was that the outstanding player throughout this period of depression, Steve Powell, was sent off for the first time in his career. Poor reward for whole-hearted, skilful effort.

The real culprit was the perpetrator of the suicidal short pass which led Steve into the tackle which got him Marching Orders.

Distributory inaccuracies continue to plummet the squad downwards, spoiling a deal of good work and hard running in the process.

Ten seconds of inaccuracies can ruin all the good work of the other 89 minutes and 50 seconds. And they are doing. That's even more disturbing than a "powder puff" attack.

What's that you said?



JUSTIN FASHANU waits for a dropping ball between two Rams Reserves players in the Central League match against Forest at the Baseball Ground last Sunday. As he looks to be pushed in the back, what is he saying? A pair of seat tickets for a future match for the sender of the best printable caption received. Entries to arrive by next Saturday.



Leicester 'keeper Mark Wallington makes one of several fine saves, this time to the feet of Mike Brolly, to inspire his side to a 4-nil win.



Ian Dalziel gets a split-second chance at Birmingham last Tuesday but his shot lashes into the body of 'keeper Coton who had just fumbled and lost a cross from John Barton.

Roy Mac is Peter's Top choice as his No. two (Plus Roy's own number 2: MIKE JONES)

AS THIS EDITION went to Press it seemed odds-on that former Rams' star Roy McFarland would soon be confirmed as Peter Taylor's first signing as his track-suited assistant.

Talks were hoped for, too with Roy's assistant at Bradford City, Mike Jones, whom Mr. Taylor also wants on his back-room team.

Bradford City, where Roy Mac has been a highly-successful player-manager since he left the Baseball Ground in the summer of last year, did their utmost to keep the man whom their chairman Mr. Bob Martin described on TV on Wednesday as "certain to be England's manager one day."

There was an undertone of some disappointment by City that Derby had made their approach on the eve of their vital Milk Cup tie against Manchester United. But time is not on Derby's side. Their present position makes it imperative that the back-room staff position is settled as quickly as possible.

Roy Mac won promotion for his club from Division Four in his first season, and his team is poised to make a real break-out attempt from Division Three this season. Such is the managerial measure of the man who is number one Target for Mr. Taylor who, nevertheless had alternatives in mind should the present moves fail.

Roy joined the Clough-Taylor team here at Derby in September 1967 when he was 19, and won a club record 28 England caps while he was here, a figure he would have left far behind but for that nasty achilles tendon injury which so handicapped his later years. He was Brian Clough's second signing, after John O'Hare.

In all he made 434 Football League appearances for Derby, 33 in the FA Cup, 36

League Cup, 15 in European competition, two Texaco Cup and one in a Charity Shield final, for a total of 521 appearances. Altogether, he scored 48 goals, 44 in the League.

MIKE JONES, born in Sunderland, joined Derby County as a 17-year-old from Philadelphia Juniors FC in November 1964. A midfield player, he did not make a first team appearance and moved on to Notts County in July 69.

He made 101 League appearances for them, scoring one goal before his transfer to Peterborough in the 75/76 season. While there he made 88 appearances.

After a spell as manager of Kettering, Mike became player-coach at Notts County before taking over as Mansfield Town manager in 1979.

He had lost his job there when Roy Mac took him to Bradford City as his Number two. Roy describes Mike as "one of the best coaches in the game."

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Supporters Club Scene brought to you by Ernie Hallam

Now I can name our fan in Djakarta

THE NEW INTEREST surge stimulated by Mr. Mike Watterson's arrival as Derby County Chairman will do even more to underline the club's world-wide support, which didn't waver even in the worst days of the decline. Now it's in for a real boost.

Last week, for example, we despatched one rabid fan back to Vancouver and learned about another in far off Djakarta in Indonesia. Which proved, by the way, just how far and wide the *Ram* newspaper travels.

I am grateful to Mrs. A. Perrin of Allenton, Derby, who writes to tell me her son has sent her from Djakarta the cutting from the *Ram* about a Rams fan out there. He's happy to acknowledge his discovery.

He's Ray Perrin, who is in Djakarta with his family for three years. Ray has the *Ram* sent to him to keep alive his interest.

Before he went way out east his mother sent the *Ram* to him at Bristol for six years. Mrs. Perrin tells me Ray used to travel to Derby from Bristol whenever he could to see the Rams.

Some supporter is Ray, considering he still plays football at 40 years of age. In addition to supporting the Rams he lays emphasis to a point I made recently.

We tend to take the club for granted, until it isn't there.

We 'knock' the game probably with justification at times, but there is nothing to compare with it for exiles far and wide.

Speaking of knocking, we British knock ourselves quite a lot, don't we. I have heard complaints of the *Ram* too. But when I see some of the programmes (with a large part of their content syndicated) at other clubs, costing more than the *Ram*, perhaps again we fail to realise the value of our own product. Maybe we will, if or when we lose it.

When we consider fans from far away places we can never ignore our Norwegian friends.

Last week I received a letter and copy of Nor-Ram from our friend Arnstein Hernes. Apart from pledging support, Arnstein tells me that a few of them will be in Derby at the end of December. He goes on to say "Last Xmas when I was over I had a splendid time and am looking forward to this time."

To some of my good friends who helped to make the Norwegians welcome I say "Thanks." I know you will be just as welcoming and friendly this year.

ACTIVITIES are hotting up in the Branches, and it was encouraging to see a fine turn out from Castle Donington at Milford British Legion last week when Belper Branch (good travellers themselves) entertained them to a Pop Quiz. Compiler and asker of the musical questions was Richard Baker of Sports Quiz renown. Richard along with colleague David Burrows in the Gate Inn team, will be representing us in a friendly contest with Newcastle United Supporters' East Midland Branch.

This will go out on *Radio Link* to the hospitals over Christmas. As Derby County play at Newcastle in a Xmas holiday fixture this will add a little spice to the quiz. I am grateful to *Radio*

Link as well as Rob Armstrong, secretary of Newcastle's East Midland Branch, who initiated the event in a letter to John Newman.

I would like to put on record my confidence in Richard and David to score a victory for us in time to spur the lads on at St. James's Park. In addition let me, on behalf of all supporters, thank these lads of *Radio Link* for their grand service to all who have to spend time in hospital.

Well do I remember my consternation when late colleague Graham Clarke on one occasion, completely out of the blue, thrust a mike in my hand saying, "For the half-time summary I hand you over to Ernie Hallam."

On the evening following Belper's "at home," our good friends at Ilkeston played host to Loughborough. Going along there after watching the Reserves against Bolton I eventually represented one of the teams at dominoes. I am not even sure whose side I was on, but the affair was most convivial. All present seemed to be participating either at pool, darts or dominoes or all, including those two very good mixers Andy Hill and Steve Cherry.

It's reassuring to see a revival of Inter-Branch activities. These come thick and fast as the Donington Inter Branch Sports Quiz first round gets under way. The draw this time. Rams Directors v Belper D; Belper C v Rams Players;

FOUND: A REAL RAMS PUB IN LOUGHBORO'

LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH have now changed their venue from the Royal George Hotel (after a week's pub crawl round the town) and will now meet at the Greyhound Hotel, Nottingham Road, Loughborough, which is approximately 200 yards past the Royal George on the right.

"To my amazement," writes secretary John Hemsworth "landlord Roy Acton is a staunch Derby County supporter who was a member at Castle Donington Branch when he kept the Lamb in Donington.

"Roy keeps a good pint of Marstons Pedigree and the pub has been refurbished. It offers darts and pool facilities in very convivial surroundings." Next meeting at the Greyhound on Tuesday, November 16 (8 p.m.).

Loughborough run mini buses to away matches at very competitive prices and urge Rams fans in the Leicester, Loughborough and Shephed areas to attend their next meeting when transport to Burnley and Fulham will be arranged.

Membership is now 40 with prospects of further membership at the new venue.

John Hemsworth thinks there is much potential in the area. "We are now thinking of using the school gymnasium for 5-a-side matches and when the nights are lighter, towards the end of the season, we would like to go go-karting

HQ v Ripley; Loughborough v Castle Donington; Heanor v Belper A; Ashbourne v Belper B; Sth East Derbys B v Alfreton; Sth East Derbys A v Rams Management.

Already the date and venue has been arranged for the prestigious visit of the players to Belper C. It's November 22 at Milford British Legion. All ties to be completed for December 31.

In our last issue I invited supporters to an event arranged by our Nottingham colleagues, a triple-cornered Sports Quiz between Forest, County and Rams. Just in case you have decided to go, don't; least-ways not to the venue and on the date named. It has been changed to November 30 and at the Long Eaton Silver Prize Band Club, not as previously published. Being aware of the quality of Derby County Sports Quiz enthusiasts I will back us against all-comers.

May I acknowledge one or two letters from readers of this column assuring them of attention to their request for a Supporter abroad to correspond with. Thanks for volunteering to keep a far-away supporter in touch. Long may these friendships flourish.

A get-well-soon wish to "Mildred," who has been missing on the last three Roadriders due to indisposition. We also miss Sue Wilkins, who contrary to what she expected, has not been able to shelve the cares of motherhood long enough to go to away matches. We are missing you both.

FOUND: A REAL RAMS PUB IN LOUGHBORO'

LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH have now changed their venue from the Royal George Hotel (after a week's pub crawl round the town) and will now meet at the Greyhound Hotel, Nottingham Road, Loughborough, which is approximately 200 yards past the Royal George on the right.

"To my amazement," writes secretary John Hemsworth "landlord Roy Acton is a staunch Derby County supporter who was a member at Castle Donington Branch when he kept the Lamb in Donington.

"Roy keeps a good pint of Marstons Pedigree and the pub has been refurbished. It offers darts and pool facilities in very convivial surroundings." Next meeting at the Greyhound on Tuesday, November 16 (8 p.m.).

Loughborough run mini buses to away matches at very competitive prices and urge Rams fans in the Leicester, Loughborough and Shephed areas to attend their next meeting when transport to Burnley and Fulham will be arranged.

Membership is now 40 with prospects of further membership at the new venue.

John Hemsworth thinks there is much potential in the area. "We are now thinking of using the school gymnasium for 5-a-side matches and when the nights are lighter, towards the end of the season, we would like to go go-karting

I KNOW it's hard enough to drag Dad out of his armchair on a cold winter's morning, but ask Mum to brave the cold for a football match and I bet most of you would be on a loser.

That's why when the Junior Ramaway takes to the road again we'll have something for everyone in our London Triple Trip advertised on this page.

If you're football crazy there's the Football Special. We'll be off down the M1 for the famous twin-towers of Wembley Stadium, and a tour around the world's most famous football arena. Afterwards there's a chance to buy souvenirs before travelling on to the Fulham v Derby match. We'll grab a glimpse of some of the famous sights of London Town as we make our way back to Derby.

If you want to DO YOUR OWN THING you can come with us on the Wembley visit, then make your way to the centre of London by tube to meet up with us later. If you don't fancy any football at all there's our SHOPPING SPREE. We'll drop you at Europe's biggest shopping centre at Brent's Cross or at a tube station.

Then you can make your own way to the centre of London, and the sights and lights of Oxford Street and the like. Here again, we'll pick you up in London on our return.

Just a couple of points to consider. For our FOOTBALL SPECIAL we are negotiating free seats for JR members. Adults and non-members pay for seats as extra to the cost of the visit.

If, however, you do not wish seats for yourself or others in the party please mark this clearly on the application form.

BUT anyone under 16, and unaccompanied, must remain with the main party in the seats.

Also we will not take any bookings for the DO YOUR OWN THING or SHOPPING SPREE for unaccompanied children under 16.

The other trips we've organised have quickly been booked up, so hurry if you want a place.

KNOCK-OUT

A couple of K.O. Cup ties have been played in the Under 13 section. Ashbourne are through by the only goal in their game at Heanor.

A fine game, in which both teams were complimented by the referee, was again decided by a one-goal margin as Ilkeston progressed to the semi-finals with a 3-2 win over Ripley. Headquarters received a bye in the Under 15 section where they still await companions in the semis.

ON THE SPOT

May I remind branch secretaries that penalty teams should be made up of two Under 15's and two Under 13's. The draw:

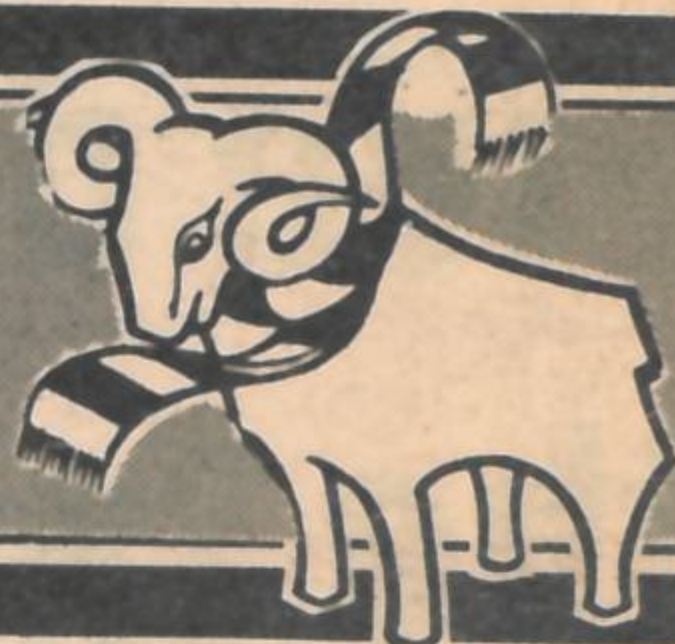
Castle Donington (Holders) v Ashbourne; Ripley v Belper (both December 18; winners meet in semi-finals).

Rams-away via mini-bus



A group of Loughborough branch fans on a mini-bus trip to the away match at Grimsby. We don't believe you'll find a more competitive price anywhere to our away games, they say.

Steve Stone's Junior Rams Column



SOCCER OR SHOPPER? CHOICE IS YOURS

Headquarters v Ilkeston; Heanor v S.E. Derbys or London (all three ties on January 3; winners meet in semi-finals.)

Semi-finals and final on Saturday, February 26.

INTER-CLUB

We have had preliminary contacts about an exciting inter-club penalty league competition. We have expressed out interest and discussed possible age groups.

At the moment we are awaiting the reaction of

other clubs, and we look forward to the idea getting off the ground. We will keep you in touch with progress.

PENALTIES

Before the last home match (v Leicester) we entertained a team of Junior Blues to a penalty and shoot-out competition.

In the shoot-out we were outgunned after coming out of the penalty section level pegging at two apiece. We added only one to our tally in the shoot-out section and

Leicester made it six of the best.

Our thanks to the lads, Ashbourne, Castle Donington and Ilkeston for taking part.

We shall be extending another welcome to the Junior Latics from Oldham next Saturday. Before the game teams of four each will again be trying their skills in penalty and shoot-out competition. This time Headquarters and Belper branches will be making up



We're on our way to Wembley Stadium

Though mum might prefer to go to the shops The Junior Ramaway is on the road again!

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December 11th 1982
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Chatterbox



RAMS FAN WHO IS AS TENACIOUS AS ROB THE BRUCE OF YORE . . .

IT WAS ROBERT THE BRUCE who coined the famous phrase "If at first you don't succeed try, try and try again." It's the view too of Rams' fan E. Allen of 27 Sutherland Road, Derby, though he is not seeking a spider.

Rather a jackpot on any of the Rams lottery tickets, which he never fails to buy each issue. "My prime aim is to help the Rams," he says. Naturally, that's the main aim of everyone of the thousands who buy, too.

"Mind, I'm after a win if I can. That's the other half of the fun," says Mr. Allen. That, if the truth be known, is typical of the rest of us, too.

Mr. Allen goes one better. Whenever he is close to the "Big One" he sends the ticket back to Derby County Promotions at Osmaston Road. As he did his Supercash £1,000 bingo ticket last week, with the attached note: "Just another ticket to show you just how unlucky I am."

Mr. Allen still goes on buying, though. And so, we hope, do we all. Half the fun is in the anticipation, the other in helping the club finances.

If you haven't had a go yet this week you'll find sellers all round the ground. Don't let them pass you by. Someone, somewhere will win the £1,000 Jackpots.

SANDRA'S GATE

YOU COULDN'T BLAME US for being downhearted after our 4-nil defeat by Leicester City at our last home match on October 23. But match sponsors Nabisco Foods and the East Midland Co-op were delighted at the response they received.

Hundreds and hundreds of entries came in for the Guess the Gate competition which was won by Mrs. Sandra Mosley of 2 Shamrock Street, Derby. She was only an amazing two out with the guess of 13,193.

Student Mark seeks your aid

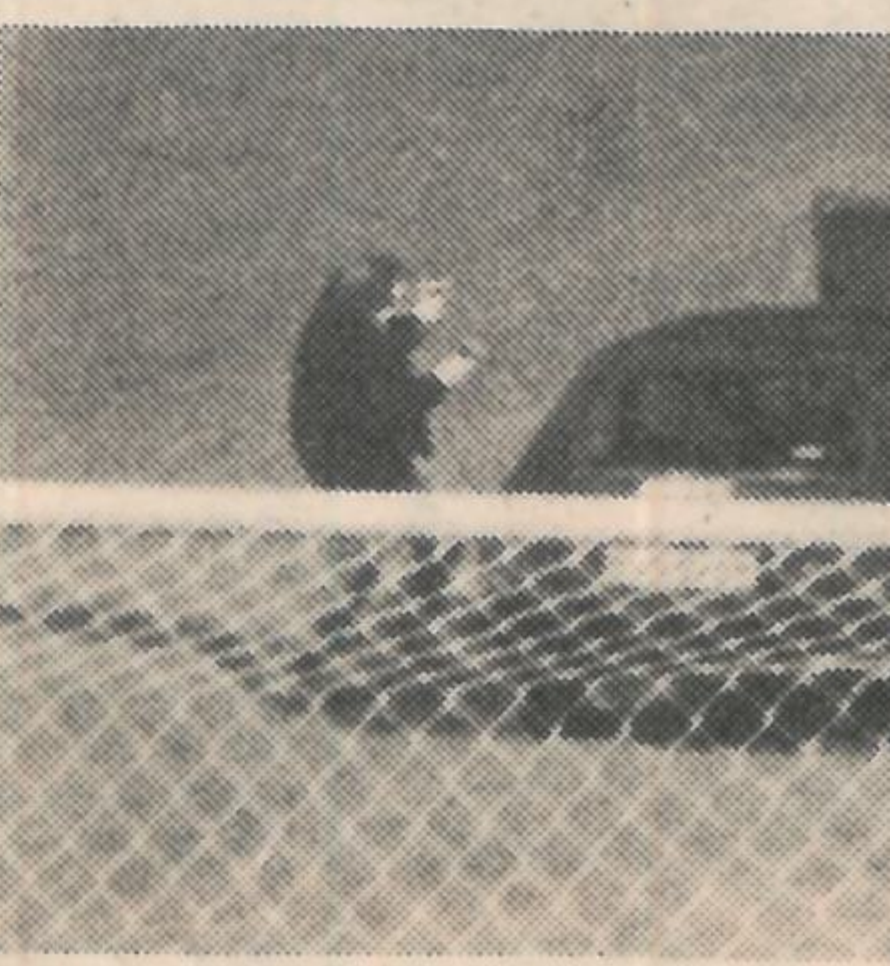
YET ANOTHER of our long-distance fans is looking for a lift to Rams matches, 17 years old Mark Collins who wonders whether anyone passes the Oxford area en route to Rams game. He lives there at 15 High Street, Eynsham, Oxford.

An electronic student, Mark would be glad to share the petrol costs and supply some bright conversation and good company. "I want to miss as few games as possible now that Peter Taylor is back to put the Rams show on the road," he says.

The official gate return was 13,191.

She and her family are guests today of Nabisco and the East Midlands Co-op in a Ley Stand executive box, where they will receive a magnificent hamper of Nabisco Food products after a buffet lunch, and liquid refreshments plus a magnificent view of the match.

Watch out for our picture coverage of the event in next Saturday's issue.



It took 3 goals to blow up the man of dynamite

ALL DIDN'T go smoothly for some of the acts ... but the fireworks were scintillating. They thrilled a good-sized audience at the Baseball Ground's second Fireworks Spectacular on Guy Fawkes night.

But it took a long time to detonate the Dynamite Dare Devil (picture below as he disappears with a bang. It was the third attempt.

While smoke and debris flies, miraculously Daredevil escaped with just a cut arm.

The normal plunger-type detonator failed to touch-off the three sticks of dynamite, placed immediately underneath the handcuffed Daredevil on the first two attempts.

So the battery of the car used by the first performer, Mystery Man, was used.



NICE TO SEE YOU, COLIN



Derbyshire bowler Colin Tunncliffe.

IT WAS nice to see Derbyshire County Cricket Club's left-arm seam bowler Colin Tunncliffe in attendance at the Baseball Ground for the Leicester City game.

Colin was a guest of Bass-Worthington in an executive box. Apart from being a fine professional cricketer, he is an accomplished local footballer.

A striker, he played for Derby Boys while at school, and for local teams Brunswick Rangers and Ex-Midland Sunday League side Redfern Athletic. That's the old club of Steve Buckley, before his move to Burton Albion and Luton Town.

Colin has another tenuous connection with the Rams. Our photographer John Grainger, also a Redfern player, was the best man at his wedding.

BOOM... and the tension till people knew the man hadn't been blown to pieces was more than worth the two false starts.

NOTTY DINES WITH ALLY IN SEATTLE

CURRENTLY on holiday in the United States with her Rolls-Royce engineering executive husband, Ram woman columnist Notty Hornblower had dinner with Alan Hinton last week.

A postcard tells how she and husband Chris dined at Seattle's Rainer Club with former Rams star Alan, now the manager of the highly successful soccer club Seattle Sounders, and his wife Joy.

"They have a fantastic lifestyle out here," she writes, "but both talk nostalgically of their Derby days, and of their friends at the Baseball Ground."

The next day Joy took Notty round the Sounders' multi-purpose covered stadium which seats 80,000.

"A fantastic experience,"

she says. Before she left for San Diego, Notty also lunched with Joy, Alan and our old favourite Roger Davies.

She is bringing back a full report for Ram of life with the Hinton at an American soccer club.

GUESTS of Derby County today are Mickleover Jubilee F.C., current holders of the Derby City League six-a-side competition. Members of the club, who play at Under 12 and Under 13 level in the League, are occupying seats in Ley Stand.

Rams from a distance A column for long distance travellers by Martin Dempster



ALL THE SCORES of us who travel long distances to watch our adopted Derby County favourites were given a boost this week by the return to the Baseball Ground of Peter Taylor.

Indeed, he is indisputably one of the country's elite few managers, and we can expect action. Discipline, too, at the ground.

From today I'll travel all the way here with a much easier mind. Let me confess, in recent weeks the journey was beginning to get me down.

Some of our recent performances even began to make one wonder whether it was all worthwhile. I might as well be honest.

It's been a strange few weeks. When changes occur at Derby County we out of range of the local papers and radio have long been out of touch.

But this past week the club's name has been on everyone's lips. Their news was on TV, both BBC and ITV, on national radio, and in the national papers.

We're back in the headlines again. They're all once more taking notice of Derby County, and that's just the start.

John Newman though, deserves a thought. I feel very sorry for him. He has been under enormous pressure here ever since Colin Addison left. He was hit by more than his fair share of injuries and had no money to work with.

He suffered some very in-

NOW PETER IS HERE I WON'T MIND ALL THE MILES I HAVE TO TRAVEL TO GET TO DERBY

ept performances by some of the players at his disposal. Take the Frank Gamble affair. Absolutely incredible. We want fighters at Derby.

Looking back on John Newman's record it really is easy to see why his job went. We have been pretty dreadful, apart from the odd game. One win all season, and only just managing to escape relegation last season, isn't really a good record. I met Mr. Newman twice and I agreed with Graham Richards' comments last week on Radio Derby. He is a gentleman but how many nice men make winners?

Mr. Mike Watterson is a dynamic chairman, he's proved that already. Let's be grateful to him.

He obviously has Derby County's best interest at heart. He wants, like the rest of us, to see the Rams name back on the map. He wants us to regain our pride

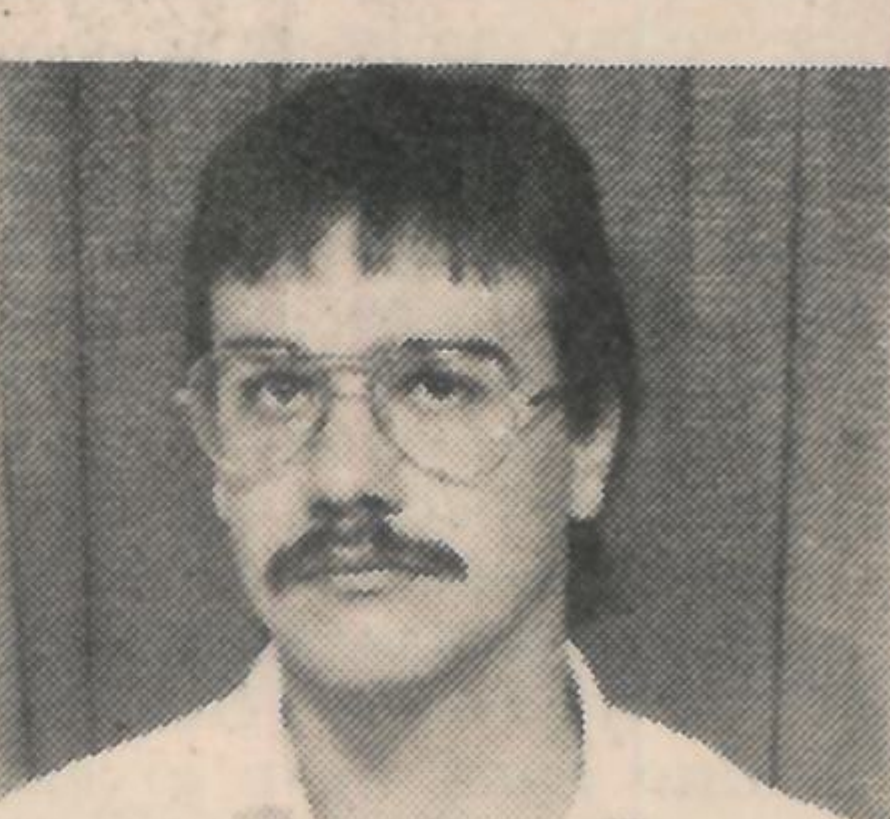
and passion to regain our respectability. I support Mr. Watterson to the limit.

This really could be the start of a new era. The return of Stuart Webb can only be a good thing for the future of the club too. He, of course, set up the clubs supporters' groups and the junior Rams' organisation in the early 70s. He is still young, enthusiastic and wants to succeed, to see Derby back at the top.

What we really need now is complete support from everyone who, deep down, is a Derby County fan. The regular 8,000 are absolute jewels. We need to get back the fans who have been put off.

Never has the club needed all fans in Derby to respond as much as they do now. Bring with you to the next game a fan who hasn't come for some time. Keep buying lottery tickets.

Today, shout, sing and encourage the team like never before. Let's show Peter and the Chairman that the fans here today will support Derby County forever.



Martin Dempster

LATE LETTERBOX

Cleveland tribute to Rams fans

MY WIFE and I are managers of this pub near Billingham in Cleveland.

In our type of business there are many occasions when hooligans and thugs tend to disturb everyone's comfort. The section receiving most publicity seem to be Football fans.

Recently your Derby team played at Hartlepool and we did, of course, get quite a number of your fans calling in for refreshments. I would like you to know they were exceptionally well mannered, polite in every way and kept themselves in complete control all the time.

They were a credit to Derby County.

This is the first time I have ever had occasion to write to a football club, and I feel your fans deserved it. J. Roberts, The Blue Bell Inn, Hartlepool Road, Newton Bewley, nr. Billingham, Cleveland.

Fans team in action

I AM writing on behalf of Derby County Supporters' Clubs Football team.

We have been formed for over a year, and have had very little coverage in the Ram.

Last Saturday we played our second league match in the Anglo-Welsh league at the Concord Sports Centre, Sheffield. Previously we had lost at Sheffield 13-4 and 11-1, after struggling to raise a team.

This time we did well only to lose 5-0. Our side was: Vallis (P.), Vallis (C),

Shaw, Ramsey, Bott, Smith, Hodgkinson, Phipps, Webster, Yeomans, Tomlinson.

After the match we went for a well-deserved pint with the Wednesday lads, who eventually took us down to Hillsborough for the main match.

Our next league game is next Saturday against Oldham Athletic's Supporters Club.

The teams in the Anglo-Welsh league are: Wolves, Barnsley, Chelsea, Sheffield Wed., Blackburn, Watford, Cardiff, Shrewsbury and Oldham. We play our home matches at Milford, and play the away matches before Derby's corresponding match in the afternoon.

J. Hodgkinson (Chairman / manager), 22 Cherry Tree Avenue, Belper, Derbys. DE5 1FR.

● Please keep us informed. Please let us know the time and venue of next Saturday's match and we'll try to get a team picture.

Pen Pal wanted

I'm a keen Derby fan, 29 years old, and I would like a pen pal from among you fans. It would be nice to correspond with a lady but all fans welcome. Please write to me at 2 Boston Street, Marner, Nottingham.

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JUNIOR RAMS DIARY

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Admission free

Sunday November 28 (provisional)
THREE-CORNERED QUIZ
with Junior Reds and Junior Magpies at the Jubilee Club, City Ground, Nottingham.
Full details to follow.

Saturday, December 4
MILLERS UNITED VISIT TO DERBY
5-a-side football in the morning.
It's a Knockout type contest before the match.

Sunday, December 19
RAMS SPECTACULAR CHRISTMAS CRACKER
Assembly Rooms, Derby
Junior Rams Free.
Non-members and adults £1 by ticket.

PLEASE NOTE
Due to requests from branches — penalty age groups are:
2 MEMBERS 14 OR UNDER ON SEPT. 1
2 MEMBERS 12 OR UNDER ON SEPT. 1

FOCUS on our visitors

WELCOME BACK TO JOHN, ALWAYS THE MAN WHO CARED



JOHN MCGOVERN (left) holds the 1972 League Championship Cup aloft with the help of John O'Hare.

WITHOUT DOUBT the most under-rated member of Derby County's 1972 League Championship side was John McGovern. Under-rated by the fans that is, certainly not by Brian Clough or Peter Taylor.

John, whose goal here against Liverpool late on that season clinched the title, went on with them to great things at Forest. That's well known, and fully documented.

B & T always knew they had a pearl in the lad who followed them to the Baseball Ground, from Hartlepool, and who spent almost the whole of his playing career under their mantle.

Always the quick, but sincere, one on and off the field John did his job so efficiently he was rarely noticed by the masses. His use of the ball was so immaculate, his anticipation and positioning so superb he rarely came into focus except when he made an error.

Such is the way in foot-

ball, much of his graft "spadeworked" moves for more flamboyant characters who grabbed the acclaim and the adulation.

But few in the Clough-Taylor squad laid firmer foundations for the glittering success they achieved. And perhaps none went on to achieve more long-term success in his playing career than John despite the international caps of others.

Now in his first managerial role at Bolton, it is to be hoped his firm grasping of situations and his undoubted football vision will eventually bring John McGovern the top honours he won so unobtrusively on the field.

His warmth of character and concern for others is renowned.

There's no such thing as a 'rightful place'

ARE YOU ONE of the many followers of football who believe in phenomena? If so you are in good company.

Ever since the days of its origins, the game has been surrounded by players, managers and coaches convinced they possess the 'perception' — a sixth sense with which to read 'happenings' on and off the field.

For example, those unaccountable superstitions held by many in the game that particular teams and certain grounds are good or bad omens for their clubs.

The list is endless as to the outcome of a game before it begins based upon luck, superstition, history, or other illogical data.

This is nonsense. The ultimate result is simply based upon the perform-

ances of the two teams in any game, and the number of goals scored.

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Similarly, heritage, is said to play a part in the fortunes of all clubs. Many claim that the more famous clubs in the game, now condemned to play outside the First Division, always return to what is said to be

their "rightful place." History tradition and the aura of former glories, 'tis said, will right the wrongs of Lady Luck.

Two such clubs are contesting today's game. The history and current positions of Bolton and Rams are strangely parallel.

Considering that the Rams and the Trotters both have cause to reflect, "What have we done to deserve

this?

It is Bolton who have suffered their current predicament for a longer period, though. What is happening at Burnden Park, here, and at a host of famous venues, has nothing to do with perception. More realistically, their very future has been devalued at the expense of 'progress' in the modern game. Hard work will provide the only road back.



BOLTON WANDERERS F.C.: Front, left to right: Dave Hoggan, Wayne Foster, John McGovern (player-manager), Jeff Chandler, Peter Reid, Ray Deakin. Middle: Charlie Wright (coach), Mick Bennett, Neil Berry, Chris Thompson, Mike Doyle, Vernon Allatt, Tony Henry, Walter Joyce (coach). Back: Gerry McElhinney, Paul Jones, Jim McDonagh, Simon Farnworth, Ian Moores, Steve Whitworth.

BOLTON LOOKING FOR A CURE FOR THEIR TRAVEL SICKNESS

THE NAME OF BOLTON WANDERERS is synonymous with Association Football. Throughout the entire history of The Football League, they have been at the heart of its advancement.

It is ironic that the Burnden Park staff and in particular their new player manager "Gentleman" John McGovern (who was so much a part of our more successful days) must contend that things can only improve upon the events of the eighties.

Clearly he has a squad which, currently lacking confidence, possesses the potential to perform much better than recent results would indicate.

In football however, unlike other businesses, potential is measured in time rather than ability. Time is a precious commodity, to such an extent that many of those involved in the game search endlessly for a "crash course in learning patience."

POTENTIAL

At the foot of the Second Division potential often has to take second place to the long, hard slog of the winter months in the hope that a place might be earned

By Phil Tweed

among the promotion contenders after the turn of the year, as both Rotherham and Grimsby did a year ago.

Ever since their formation in 1874, Bolton teams have been famed for their dour spirit and fighting qualities. So much so it was suggested that their half-back line of the late fifties.

Hennin, Higgins and Edwards trained on diets of raw meat. Such was their strength, not only in play, but also in character.

Following Wanderers' formation, football took a firm hold of the Industrial North. It was Lancashire which came to the fore, with Bolton one of the County's six clubs to join the other six from the loosely-defined Midlands. Collectively they became the League's founder members in 1888, with Rams also one of them.

To indicate a measure of Bolton's overall success, 70 of the ensuing 94 years have been spent in the First Division.

Those early years of League life were certainly inconsistent. The club moved between the two top Divisions six times in the first 20 years.

If consistency avoided the Trotters during the two decades, it was captured from 1911, when by winning the Second Division Championship, ahead of Tottenham, Bolton virtually secured a lease on the First Division.

Excepting a two-year interruption during the mid thirties, Wanderers were to occupy a place in the top flight for the next 53 years. This promotion was to be a prelude to their most successful era — the twenties.

The Burnden club won the FA Cup for the first time in Wembley's first-ever final, and returned to take the Trophy in 1926 and 1929, without conceding a goal during the three finals.

To complement the achievements of a very talented team (only 17 players were used for this triple triumph), Wanderers completed the 1920-1 and 1924-5 seasons in third place to

gain the tag of the country's leading club.

The Thirties, by comparison, were ordinary at Burnden and their early post-war exploits were somewhat moderate, being publicised by the Burnden Disaster of 1946 when 33 spectators were killed and over 500 injured at the Sixth Round Second Leg F.A. Cup tie against Stoke City, when over 70,000 packed the ground to see Wanderers reach the first post-war semi-final.

In 1953 they were desperately unlucky to lose the "Matthews" final which predictably would have been won by them under today's laws and methods.

In 1958 they won the cup for the fourth time by easily overcoming the post-Munich Manchester United. There, by achievement standards, the "Bolton Story" rests.

Following their 1964 relegation worse followed. In 1971 Third Division football was experienced for the only time, albeit for a brief two seasons.

By 1973 The Trotters

were back in Division Two and five years later after two seasons of near-misses they won the Second Division title ahead of Southampton and Spurs.

Any thoughts of again banishing their near-neighbours in Manchester to an 'also-rans' position were soon dashed, when in the company of Rams and Bristol City they were relegated.

NO COMFORT

It is no comfort to know that many clubs are sharing similar fates. Four managers have occupied the managerial post in as many years at Burnden and still the Bolton public await the potential to develop.

John McGovern has a tough task in attempting to revive the fortunes of the famous club, yet in his first managerial season he appears to be thriving, despite the problems.

The recent introduction of 17-year-old Simon Rudge must have given him tremendous satisfaction. Remember the lad's name, you will hear much more about him before the season is over.

The experienced Paul Jones, with more than 450 senior games with the club to his credit, playing alongside the evergreen Mike Doyle (who seems to have been playing for ever), and backed by Eire international 'keeper Jim McDonough are the nucleus of a defence which can keep the most rampant of attackers at bay.

If Tony Henry and Jeff Chandler can resolve their recent differences with the club and, along with Peter Reid and the younger players battle as only the old Bolton Wanderers showed how, then happier days are just around the corner.

PERHAPS A SHARP QUICK CURE FOR TRAVEL SICKNESS WOULD ALSO NOT GO AMISS. TWO POINTS FROM THEIR SIX AWAY GAMES NEEDS NO DIAGNOSIS. BUT WHETHER THE PATIENT IS 'ON THE MEND' IS YET TO BE CONFIRMED. WITH ALL THE BEST WISHES TO OUR OLD PLAYER JOHN MCGOVERN WE HOPE THE CONVALESCENCE DOESN'T START THIS AFTERNOON.

Two peas in a pod

TODAY'S VISITORS have much in common with ourselves. They were one of the 12 original members of the Football League. They have only once slipped to Division Three, and on that occasion escaped after just two seasons. Now, again like ourselves, they are battling to escape from the lower reaches of Division Two, writes GEOFF ALLMAN.

Coming back in to Division Two with us in 1980 they have had mixed fortunes in the past two seasons.

This season they have picked up only one point to date in away games — from a goalless draw at Burnley on the opening day, and they have scored just one goal.

Yet in the Milk Cup they drew 3-3 at Carlisle before going through in the second leg, and then were level on aggregate at Watford before going down in extra time.

At Burnden Park they have so far beaten Newcastle and Palace, drawn with Rotherham but have lost to Wolves, Oldham, Barnsley and Shrewsbury, who crushed them 4-1 last Saturday.

RAMS RES: Banovic, Lovatt, Collins (D), Collins (J), Banks, Blades, Chapman, Bancroft, Garner, Swindelhurst, Emson (w). Sub: Shackleton.

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Something has got to crack today. Both teams have lost their last five games, and both are at the foot of Division Two. After their 4-1 home defeat last Saturday there was some fan demonstration at Bolton. Said a national newspaper: "The Guilty Men are the players for lack of effort."

Meet Bolton on Page 10

The Rams

Bolton Wanderers

- STEVE CHERRY**
1. **JIM McDONAGH**
Rejoined Bolton summer 1981 from Everton. Republic of Ireland International.
 2. **NEIL BERRY**
Scottish youth international. Debut last March.
 3. **MIKE BENNETT**
Member of the England Youth squad which won the 1980 European Championships. Bolton born, joined the club as a schoolboy.
 4. **JOHN MCGOVERN**
Appointed player/manager in June. Won League Championship honours with Rams and Forest — whom he also led as captain to two European Cup and two Football League Cup successes.
 5. **PAUL JONES**
Has been a member of the Under-23 and full England squads.
 6. **GERRY MCELHINNEY**
Signed from Distillery August 80.
 7. **WAYNE FOSTER**
Former Bolton schoolboy, came on to the scene last season to command a regular place. England youth international.
 8. **SIMON RUDGE**
A 17-year-old just introduced into the side.
 9. **IAN MOORES**
Signed last summer on a free transfer from Orient. Formerly with Stoke and Spurs.
 10. **TONY HENRY**
Signed for £125,000 from Man City. One of the unsung heroes of City's revival last season.
 11. **CHRIS THOMPSON**
Signed from school. Leading scorer last season. England youth international.
- Referee:** D. V. Reeves (Uxbridge)
- Linesmen:** A. D. Blake (Salop), red flag; M. Ibbitson (Shrewsbury), yellow flag.

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HE'S IN CHARGE

DARRYL REEVES reached the Football League via local football and the Isthmian League since taking up the whistle in 1961. He has officiated in home international championship matches. Married with two children, he is a sales office manager in the textile trade. Interests: home decorating, gardening, popular music and coarse fishing.

Today's mascot

MASCOT at today's game is Patrick Snowden of Shields Crescent, Castle Donington who is ten years old. The Castle Donington Branch are the current Junior Rams' Penalty Champions, and the newest members of the club's Under-13 Football League. Jim Carton of 14 Hastings Street is in charge, and will supply details of all activities.

DON'T forget the Reserves are in action here in againt Tuesday (Nov. 16). Kick-off 7pm. Season ticket holders admitted free.

DON'T FORGET the Rams' "Buy-a-Player" Fund (see front page). You'll find donations boxes around the ground. And thank you in advance.

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